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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Susan L. Acton, et al.

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REQUEST FOR FOUR-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicants request a four-month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) in which to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated March 29, 2001.

Enclosed is a check which covers the appropriate fee of \$1,390.00 based on large entity status. Please charge any underpayments or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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